

REMARKS

In the November 18, 2003 Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that: "... the examiner assumed the housing to be represented by number 3 in Fig. 1 in Larsen and the connecting hub is item 1 in Fig. 11...."

The Examiner then stated that item 1 in Fig. 11 does demonstrate a Y-shaped connecting hub.

As such, the Examiner concludes that Larsen has a Y-shaped connecting hub (item 1) onto which a housing (item 3) is attached. This arrangement is seen most clearly in Larsen's Fig. 7.

Such a system is not what the Applicant is claiming.

The Applicant instead claims (1) a housing **having a generally flat bottom for positioning against a patient's skin**, and (2) a Y-shaped connecting hub attached to the housing.

Thus, the Applicant claims a housing which rests against the patient's skin into which a Y-shaped connecting hub is attached.

In contrast, Larsen provides a Y-shaped connecting hub which rests against the patient's skin onto which a housing is attached.

In operation, the Applicant's system sits on the patient as follows:

- (a) SKIN,
- (b) a HOUSING resting against the skin, and
- (c) a Y-shaped CONNECTING HUB attached to the HOUSING.

In contrast, the Larsen system sits on the patient as follows:

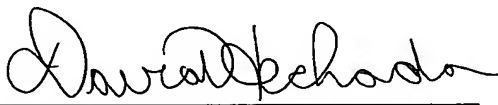
- (a) SKIN,
- (b) a Y-shaped CONNECTING HUB resting against the skin, and
- (c) a HOUSING sitting on top of the Y-shaped CONNECTING HUB.

The Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to consider the fundamental differences between the presently claimed invention and the Larsen system.

The early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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